

The Epi Link

Think this picture is cute?

Look closely.



Doggie Do's and Don'ts

-  **DON'T** greet a dog by walking up and putting your hand in its face.
-  **NEVER** go up to touch a dog you **DON'T** know.
-  Stay still when an unfamiliar dog comes up to you. If it growls at you walk away **SLOWLY** and **DON'T** stare directly into its eyes.
-  **NEVER** run from, scream at, or kick at a dog you **DON'T** know.
-  **DON'T** ride your bicycle or run past a dog. Get off the bike and keep it between you both.
-  Use **EXTREME** caution when handling an injured pet or call a professional.

4.5 Million People are bitten by dogs each year.

Follow the paw prints for simple practices to protect yourself and others from dog bites.

Physicians and Practitioners are **REQUIRED** to **REPORT ALL** animal bites to 806-378-3038. 

Parents

SUPERVISE play between your child and your dog.

DON'T let your child ride or climb on the dog. **DON'T** let your child pull on the dog's face, ears, tail or other parts of the dog.

Your dog may tolerate these behaviors for a while, but their patience **WILL RUN OUT**

Signs That Your Dog Has Had Enough

Moving away from your child

"Wet" shaking when your child has moved away

Yawning when not waking up or tired

Licking the lips when not eating or hungry

GROWLING: often the last warning sign before a bite.

DON'T punish your dog for growling, because you **DON'T** want them to stop this warning!

For the cat ladies and gents – If your cat stiffens and/or starts whipping their tail back and forth, this is a sign that they are becoming agitated and may scratch or bite. Over petting and rubbing on sensitive areas can add to frustration. One example is tummy rubs. Although a cat may show their belly as a sign of trust, often times – unlike dogs – they do not really want their belly rubbed and may bite if rubbed too much.



Unlikely Culprits and Cautionary Tails: Which animals to worry about

Rodents, ground squirrels, armadillos, opossums, prairie dogs and wild pigs are some animals considered to be *low risk* of transmitting rabies.

High risk animals are more likely to transmit rabies through a bite if they are infected. These animals include bats, skunks, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes.



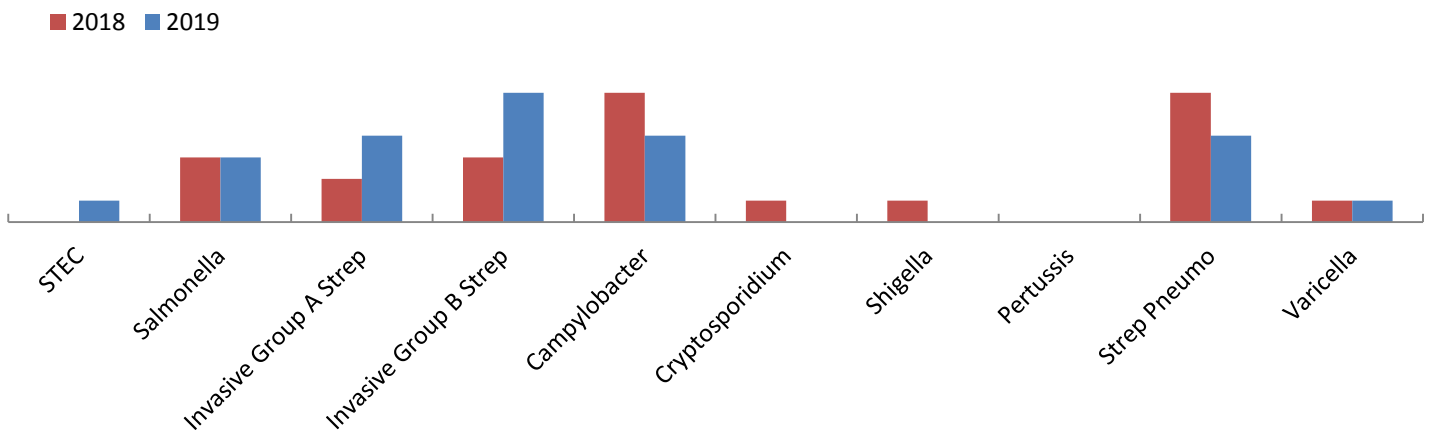
If you have been bitten...

1. If the animal has an owner, get their contact information
2. Wash the wound well with soap and water
3. Contact Animal Management and Welfare at 806-378-3038 or 911
4. Seek medical care if necessary



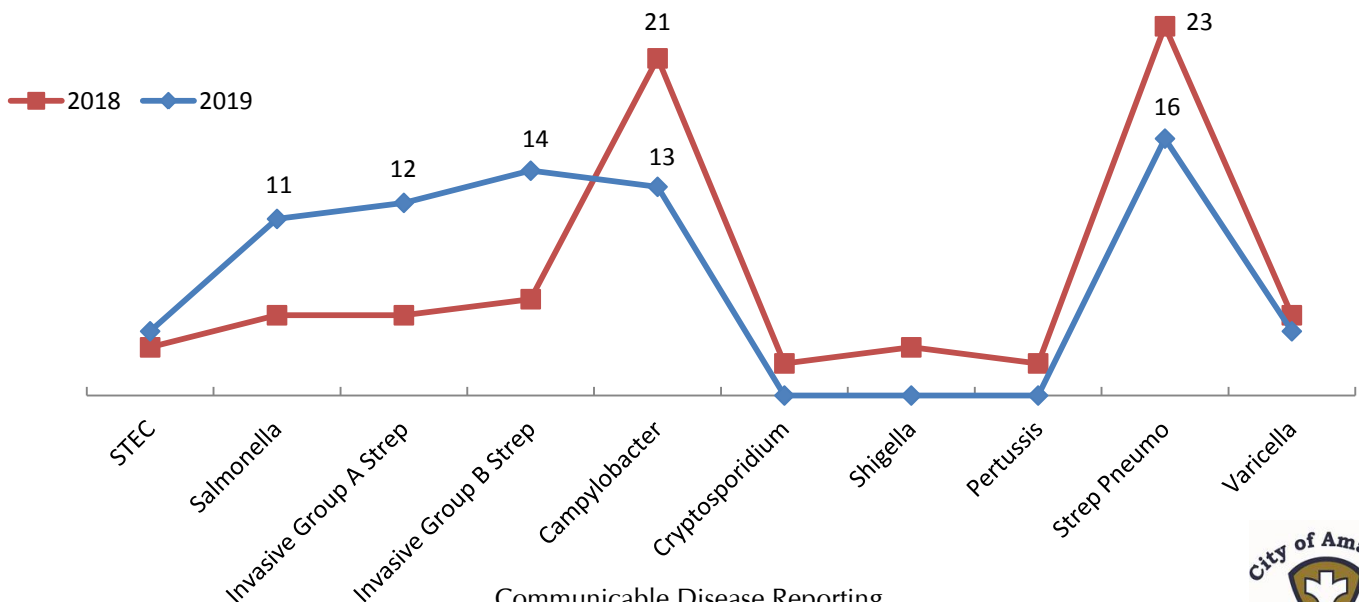
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Communicable Disease Reporting
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Credits:

Amarillo Animal Management and Welfare

<https://amw.amarillo.gov/faq/dog-bite-information>

<https://www.oregonhumane.org/wp-content/uploads/A-Parents-Guide-to-Body-Language2.pdf>

<https://www.oregonhumane.org/resources-publications/resource-library/>

http://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/me-ow-signs-your-cat-is-about-to-bite-or-scratch-you#0_g2w6teh4

https://www.oregonhumane.org/wp-content/uploads/Cat-Body-Language_LC.pdf-2.pdf

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<http://allwestvet.com/dog-bite-prevention/>

<https://www.avma.org/public/Pages/Dog-Bite-Prevention.aspx>

<https://www.avma.org/Events/pethealth/PublishingImages/AVMA-DogBite-Infographic.jpg>

<http://imnotamonster.org/category/all/>

<https://www.doggiedrawings.net/freeposters>